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## Ration Board Enlarged Adding New Members To Carry On Work

The local Rationing Board announces the addition of two new members to its personnel, and their appointments have been approved by the Regional Administrator.

Albert J. Anderson of Warwick avenue is the new chairman of the Price Panel. This division of rationing is becoming more and more important, and there will be much work to be done. Mr. Anderson has organized his panel, and has announced that Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 will be available at the Town Hall for interviews with retailers or consumers who have problems or complaints in the price field.

Mrs. Gladys C. Bistrek is also an active price panel member, as well as being in charge of price project checking in Northfield. Mrs. Alfred Holton is price panel assistant in West Northfield, and the post of price panel assistant in East Northfield remains to be filled. If there is any public spirited citizen in that section who has an interest in price control, and who has an hour or two a week to spare will he or she please contact Mr. Anderson or the board office and submit his name? The rationing board would welcome such an offer of help.

A. Gordon Moody has been appointed as Food Panel chairman, and will give his attention to all problems of food rationing.

## Is Named Honor Man In Naval Training

John F. DesJardins, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. DesJardins of Newark, N. J., who for many years have been summer residents of this town, has just completed his training at the Naval Training station at Farragut, Idaho, and has been chosen as the honor man of his company. The selection was based on leadership and ability shown in the various phases of recruit training. Mr. DesJardins' wife and young son are living in Kansas City, Mo.

He is a graduate of Hackensack, N. J., high school and attended Haverford college and the A. Y. Young Business school of Brooklyn. He expects to qualify for radio technician training or a yeoman's rating after his present 15 day leave. His father, an Episcopal clergyman, is treasurer of the Rustic Ridge Association and their summer home is on Cliff road.

## Leave For Guatemala After Years Stay Here

Rev. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck, who for the past year, with their family have been spending their furlough here will leave late in May to again take up their work with the Mamm Indians in Guatemala. During last summer they occupied their summer residence in Mountain Park and during the winter months one of the mission cottages on Main street. Their daughter Elinor, who is a student at Wellesley, will be in Northfield this summer, as will the two sons, students at Mount Hermon school all of whom will be employed during the season on the campus for the Conference work. Mr. and Mrs. Peck with their daughter Dorothy, will attend the Presbyterian Assembly which meets in Chicago, then go to California to visit her sister and family, and from there by rail to Mexico City and on to Guatemala, where they hope to arrive about the middle of July. Their summer cottage here will be available for rental.

## Former Resident Dies At Middlebury Home

Mrs. James Shea, wife of the manager of the Middlebury (Vt.) Inn and a former manager of the Northfield Hotel, died at her home there on Monday, March 27. She had been ill and had undergone an operation but death came unexpectedly. The funeral services were held the following Wednesday at the Congregational church with the pastor Rev. William F. Hastings officiating and burial was at Bar Harbor, Maine. She was active in the work of her church in Middlebury and interested in all social and civic endeavors, and recently in the cause of British War Relief. She was born in Union, Maine, November 2, 1900 and was the daughter of William and Mary Hawes. Many friends in Northfield will remember her kindly and gracious ways while a resident here.

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## Announces Candidacy For Senatorial Post From This District

Ralph C. Mahar of Orange, now representing the third Franklin district in the Legislature, has announced himself as a candidate for the Senatorship from the Hampshire-Franklin district to succeed Senator Gunn who retires.

Mr. Mahar is a member of the Rules committee of the House and he is currently a member of the Commission on Post-War Rehabilitation, which is concerned with aiding in the solution of the prob-



lems of the returning servicemen and the problems of reemployment and reconversion of industry. He has served as a member of the Committee on Taxation, the Committee on Education and the Committee on Labor and Industry.

Representative Mahar is a native of Orange and a graduate of the Orange high school. He was graduated from Tufts College with a B.S. degree in History and Government and from Northeastern University School of Law. He is engaged in the general practice of law with Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett of Greenfield.

He is a member of the Republican Club of Massachusetts, the Middlesex Club, the Grange, and the Republican Town Committee. He is married to the former Margaret Macklin of Cambridge. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold R. Mahar, the former a practicing physician in Orange for over thirty years and at present medical examiner.

## The Post War Plans Are Frankly Stated

Ambert G. Moody of this town, who with Mrs. Moody has spent the winter in Florida at Lake Alfred, recently came across an address in pamphlet form entitled "Twelve steps into serfdom." The text is an appeal to lawyers and others before the North Carolina Bar Association to consider the open truth about the undermining of constitutional freedom. The writer describes in no uncertain terms what has transpired in the United States during the past decade and compares it with the parallel of National socialism in Germany. The article is an authoritative word and offered by Malcolm McDermott, an attorney, graduate of Princeton and Harvard Law, professor at Duke University, and lecturer at universities in Poland. A member of the American Bar Association, Mr. McDermott is a graduate of Mount Hermon school, class of 1906 and for a number of summer periods was on the staff at the Northfield Hotel. Many friends here will recall him and his ability and rejoice in his successes and accomplishments. The editor of the Press trusts that it will be possible to obtain several additional copies of this address so that friends may have one to read and pass along to others.

## Another Local Boy Receives Air Medal

From England, from the headquarters of the Eighth Bomber Command comes the information that the Air Medal has been awarded Second Lieut. Ralph M. Forsaith, a flying fortress co-pilot for "meritorious achievement" on five combat missions over enemy Europe. There is no more detailed information at this time. Lieut. Forsaith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Forsaith of Hiram road and his wife resides at her home in Perth Amboy, N. J. He was graduated from Mount Hermon school in 1939 and attended Rutgers University, from where he entered the service in September 1942.

Sentry: "Halt, who goes there?"  
Draftee: "Oh, you wouldn't know me. I'm one of the new men."

## Our Tax Rate What Will It Be Some Rates Given

Our local Board of Assessors are busy men these days in considering the work of their assessing the many properties in Northfield. The poll tax list has been completed and property valuations are being listed. After determining the probable income from the state, the tax rate for this community will be fixed and filed for state approval. After all work has been completed, the rate will be made public. The town of Colrain was the first to submit their figure of \$20, then followed Deerfield with a rate of \$24 and Erving with \$21. Shelburne Falls announces a rate of \$28, Sunderland \$26, Charlemont \$33, Ashfield \$22 and Buckland \$18. Most of the rates thus far are the same as last year.

## Serving With WACS In Italian Campaign

Sgt. Katherine F. Solasz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solasz, who reside just over the Northfield line in Winchester, is now serving with the WAC contingent assigned to service at the Peninsular base section in Italy. Miss Solasz was one of the first young women to enlist from this section. She was graduated from Thayer high school in Winchester and from the Springfield Academy of Beauty Culture, after which she carried on her profession at the Northfield Hotel. She is enjoying her experience with the Women's Army Corps in which she has already served fourteen months. She has two brothers and a sister in the service.

## Rationing Notes

Did you know that . . . Expiration dates for red and blue stamps have been removed are good indefinitely? . . . You need only War Ration Book IV when you do your grocery shopping—but hang onto your Book III, for it has your shoe stamps in it, and it may be put to other uses from time to time. . . . Shoe stamp No. 18 in War Book I expires Apr. 30, and this ends the use of that book—it may be discarded. A new shoe stamp will be available May 1st. . . . Newest additions to OPA community price lists in force after April 13th, are apples, bananas, snap beans, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, onions, peas, potatoes and spinach. . . . The new small size community ceiling price lists are now available for consumers, and may be had by calling the ration board. . . . Massachusetts fuel oil consumers should not have used more than 88 per cent of their total ration up to April 10. . . . No owner of dwelling units in Franklin County has to register with the Springfield area rent director nor is there any rent ceiling.

## Taylor Will Attend

The annual conference of superintendents of schools of this state will be held at the State Teachers college in Bridgewater, Thursday and Friday, April 20-21, all such officials with another member of his teaching staff will be expected to attend. The theme of the conference will be "Racial understanding and respect for religious differences through education." The chairman of the conference will be Julius E. Warren, state commissioner for education. Supt. Robert N. Taylor is on the schedule for a discussion in Group 6 in which Northfield is listed.

## Our Masonic Fraternity

Harmony Lodge of Masons held its regular monthly communication at the Masonic hall on Parker street on Wednesday evening, Apr. 5. The name of Vernal G. Hurlbut has been added to the roster of eight members of the lodge already in service. Harmony Lodge will exemplify a portion of the work at Republican Lodge at Greenfield on Saturday, April 22 when an exemplification will be conducted by the various lodges of this district. The 12th lodge of instruction will be held with Republican lodge at Greenfield on Tuesday evening, April 25.

## School Union Session

A call has been issued for a meeting of the school superintendency union of which Northfield is a member, together with Gull, Lyden, Bernardston and Warwick. The session will be held at the Powers Institute in Bernardston on Monday evening, April 17 at eight o'clock. Supt. Robert N. Taylor and members of the local school committee will attend.



Lawrence A. Glazier of this town who recently graduated from the Army Air force training command school at Victorville Field in California in the bombardier-navigator class and is now ready for assignment in the service over Europe or in the south Pacific. He has many friends here who will follow his future with the air force. He attended the local High school and graduated from Mount Hermon school, then going to Middlebury college from which he enrolled. He was born at Northfield Farms and makes his home with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Glazier of Parker avenue.

## A Topsfield Greeting

Friends of the Ripley family, who for a long time, were residents of this town, and conducted a rug manufacturing business, will be interested to learn that they are well situated in Topsfield, Maine to which place they removed nearly three years ago. They have a large commodious home with about 160 acres of land, some devoted to the raising of potatoes and considerable timberland. Just now the two boys are engaged in cutting timber for market and sending it to the mills in carload lots for pulpwood. Help is scarce but they have conducted a successful farm and enjoy the fruits of their labor. The family are all well and interested in Northfield, keeping in touch with events here through the Press.

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## TOWN TOPICS

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange held a session with the Northfield Grange at the hall on Wednesday evening, April 12. Supper was served following which a business session was held and a program of entertainment in charge of Mrs. Florence Colton, the lecturer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cullum and family with Mrs. Catchpool of the Youth Hostel, were in Hartford over the Easter holiday as guests of Mrs. Cullum's father, the Rev. F. P. Bachelor, who baptized their children on Sunday.

The Attie Outlet is becoming a popular place for seekers after antique furniture and odd pieces offered for sale. Recently within a week, two large grandfather's clocks were sold as well as some smaller ones. Surely the Attie Outlet is a "going institution".

First arrivals to open their cottages on the Ridge for the summer season include Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Harris of Providence, R. I.; Miss Edyth Babbitt of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson of Tottenville, N. Y.

Miss Gloria and Miss Helen Savcheff, students at Boston University, spent their Easter vacation of ten days here at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Savcheff of Main street.

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner has returned to her home on Winchester road after spending the Easter vacation with former friends of the Unitarian church which she served at North Adams.

Miss Lorraine Gray of Bellaire, N. Y., and Miss Beverly Briesmas, ter of Brooklyn were Easter weekend visitors of the Briesmaster family at Valley Vista Inn.

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church held its annual meeting yesterday, Thursday afternoon, when officers were elected and plans made for the ensuing year.

Miss Alice Drake of North Plainfield, N. J., arrived this week to take possession of the former Walker residence on Pine street. A van load of furniture arrived on Thursday.

The water in the Connecticut river is rising though slowly, and a large volume is passing down stream. Flash boards have been washed away at both Vernon and Turners Falls dams.

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"Oh," sighed the disappointed mother. "I promised Edwin he could watch you unroll some rugs this afternoon."

"Ya look worried, soldier, what's the matter?"

"Aw, there's so many women in uniform these days, we GI's have to wait to see whether we should salute or whistle."

## TOWN TOPICS

Postmaster Merritt C. Skilton, of the East Northfield post office, who is secretary-treasurer of the Western Massachusetts postmasters' association, has issued a call for a meeting of the association at Northampton on Wednesday April 19. Postmaster Hallahan of Charlemont is president.

Mrs. Arthur Packard and two sons have been visiting her mother Mrs. William R. Moody at the Homestead. They reside in Rye, N. Y.

Another big undertaking is tossed into the lap of the local War Finance committee for Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau announced the Fifth War Loan which will be undertaken on June 12. Northfield will again be asked to respond.

Mrs. J. Lee Bolton was hostess for a "shower" party at her home on Wednesday evening, April 5, in honor of Mrs. June Bolton Paradis. Friends spent a most interesting social evening and refreshments were served.

Electricity for use on the Ridge was turned on for this season's use on Saturday, April 8, for early arrivals. Only the lower circuit is usable as some repairs will have to be made to wires before the entire system can be switched on.

B. T. Hopkins and his family have rented the apartment in the home of Dr. C. T. Sherman on Glenwood avenue. Mr. Hopkins is connected with the U. S. Geological Survey and working in this territory.

The public schools of the town close today, Friday, the 14th, for the spring vacation and will reopen on April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malbon of Greenfield, formerly of this town have purchased a new home on the Leyden road, just outside of Greenfield and will occupy for residence about May 1st.

The former Charles Parker dairy farm, land and buildings, on the Farms road, has been transferred to Harold S. Streeter of Bernardston by Harris A. Severance of Erving, the present owner, according to recording at the Registry office.

Dr. Richard G. Holben attended the valley meeting of the State Dental society at the Weldon Hotel in Greenfield on Wednesday April 5.

Mrs. C. E. Dickerson, well known here, who has been spending the winter at the Weldon Hotel in Greenfield, has returned to her home at Oldwick, N. J.

Dr. Curtis Lee Laws of New York city, Northfield friend and summer visitor, who has spent the winter at St. Petersburg, Florida, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gallagher have made a change in their address to 3900 Xenwood Ave., Minneapolis 16, Minn., which friends should note.

The annual joint Sacred Concert of the Seminary and Mount Hermon school will be held on Sunday, May 14. Commencement exercises will be on June 12.

Mrs. Guy Blossom has sold her home on Aldrich street to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Holton, who have moved in and occupying for residence. The previous home of the Holtons on the West Northfield road was recently destroyed by fire.

Major and Mrs. William Marshall were recent visitors to Bethlehem, Pa., to the home of their son William who is in the army service and expecting a transfer overseas.

Miss Mary Margaret Donahue who is a senior at Our Lady of the Elms college, spent the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Donahue at their home on the Farms road.

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The marriage of Robert A. Randall, MMM 1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Randall and Miss Margaret Butler of East Boston took place Sunday, April 2 at the parish house of the Sacred Heart church in East Boston in the presence of members of their families. The bridegroom attended Northfield High and has been 17 months on duty in the Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris quietly observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 26.

Mrs. Emma Limbach who has spent the past winter at the Vernon Home left last week for the home of her son in Athol.

The State Line Fellowship, the men's club at the South Vernon church, at its meeting last Monday evening heard talks, illustrated with motion pictures, by Rev. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck describing their work in Guatemala.

An altar cross has been presented to the South Vernon church by friends in memory of its late pastor, Rev. Benjamin White.

The South Vernon church is planning for a series of evangelistic meetings to be conducted soon by guest preachers.

Pfc. Alfred Aldrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich, who is in the service has informed them that he has arrived safely in England.

After cremation in Cleveland the ashes of Mrs. Ada (Nolan) Newton, who died at her home in Akron, Ohio on March 21 will be brought here for burial in Tyler cemetery. She was a former resident here and was born Nov. 23, 1877. After graduating from Powers Institute she taught in the local schools until her marriage to Frank H. Newton, who survives. She also leaves a son Frank, Jr. and a daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Moore of Detroit. Mr. Newton was a nephew of the late Mrs. N. P. Wood of Northfield.

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## TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Gordon C. Buffum is at the Franklin County hospital where she underwent an operation last Saturday. She is reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen of Aldrich street are moving to South Vernon, where he will be employed by W. C. Tyler. He was formerly employed at the hotel.

A flock of geese were observed Monday afternoon going northward and following the lowlands along the river. One sure sign of better weather and coming summer.

Miss Elinor Peck, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck of Main street, who is attending Wellesley college, has been named secretary of the college Christian association.

The Evening Auxiliary of the Congregational church will meet this Friday evening at the home of the Misses Amy and Maud Hamilton. There will be a book review by Mrs. Horace H. More and devotions will be by Miss Daisy Holton. A large attendance

of members are expected. Dr. Florence Colton and children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton for several months, are returning to their home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

The Town Hall movie on Friday evening, April 21st, will be sponsored by the local Boy Scouts for the aid of the Girl Scouts. The title of the movie is "Charley McCarthy, Detective."

Miss Janet Kohl, a freshman at State College, returned to Amherst for her studies after spending the Easter vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kohl of Parker avenue.

The local Grange has invited members of the Grange of Shelburne, Warwick and Montague to neighbor with them at the meeting arranged for Wednesday evening April 26.

Joseph R. Colton and Arthur P. Fitt attended the 51st anniversary meeting and dinner of the County board of fire underwriters held at the Weldon Hotel in Greenfield on Monday evening.